

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action of June 1, 2006, The Examiner has now indicated that Applicant was required to elect specific subspecies for the species A and C identified in the Restriction Requirement. As such, Applicant's elections are indicated below.

For Group I, species A, Applicant was required to elect from within the alkali species, either base or alkaline buffer of claim 2, or a specific carbonate from claim 3. Applicant elects "alkaline buffer" for species A.

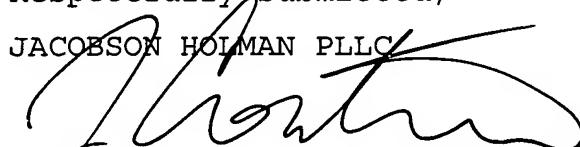
For Group I, species C, Applicant was required to elect a specific method of obtaining or purifying the extract of claim 8, either evaporation, or ultrafiltration or recrystallization or a specific combination thereof. Applicant elects "further concentration by evaporation" for species C.

Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, and 4-8 are readable on the elected subspecies of Group I.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for examination on the merits. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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